

February 6, 1964

Ralph W. Bradshaw ✓

Funeral services for Ralph Waldo Bradshaw were held at 3 p. m., Friday, Feb. 6, at the chapel of the First Methodist Church at Lakeland, Fla. The Rev. Caxton Doggett officiated. The body later was cremated. In the late spring will be brought to Groton for committal in the local cemetery.

Bradshaw was a long time Groton resident, but since 1950 has spent most of his retirement years at Lakeland. He was 86 years old at the time of his death. A blood clot with complications was the cause. Born Oct. 4, 1877, at Gratiot, Wis. He came to Groton with his parents at the age of 10. He was a graduate of Groton High School.

He married Miss Nellie Bowles here in 1906. She passed away in 1942 and two years later on June 14, 1944, was united in marriage to Gladie Wagener. They continued to live in Groton where Mr. Bradshaw always been active in the business community. At one time he operated the Red Front Grocery Store.

He was a partner in the Bradshaw-Bowles Company, a large general store where the present Red Owl is located. He was connected with the High Oil Co. and the Fred Bowles' Mercantile Co., and also was employed by the Mercantile Co. and Milwaukee.

Bradshaw joined the Groton Methodist Church on profession of faith in 1903, and remained a member for the rest of his life. He served the church in various capacities and was a trustee for many years. Because of his long service on the board, he was made an honorary member in 1952, the only local Methodist ever so honored.

Former Groton man was affiliated with the Groton Masonic Lodge No. 17, 1920 and 14 years later became worshipful master of the lodge.

During his health and vigor although at the end of his life, he enjoyed the life he and his wife took. He was born in Groton and the last